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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sonja FIELDS; Howard Leon SCHOGGEN; Jeffery Todd COOK; Judson FIDLER

For: DISTRIBUTION STRIP FOR ABSORBENT PRODUCTS

CONTINUING APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a request for filing under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of a:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional

application of the following pending prior application:

Serial No. 10/137,832 Filed: May 1, 2002

Of: Sonja FIELDS et. al.

For: DISTRIBUTION STRIP FOR ABSORBENT PRODUCTS

Examiner: Jacqueline F. STEPHENS Group: 3761

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed (along with a copy of the original Declaration). No amendments identified in the declaration for this prior application introduced new matter. Please use this copy as the application and declaration for the present case.
2. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, AFTER ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT

	Claims on File	Number Extra	Rate
Basic Fee			\$750.00
Total Claims	15 - 20 =	0 x \$18	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0 x \$84	\$0.00
If Multiple Dependent Claims Are Present, Add \$280.00			\$0.00
Total Filing Fee			\$750.00
For Small Entity (half of preceding total)*			\$

*No. 9 below must be checked to claim this reduction.

3. A check in the amount of \$750 is enclosed.
4. ☒ Cancel claims 1-9.
5. ☒ Amend the specification as follows. On page 1, after the title, add the following paragraph (check one and fill in):

This is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/137,832,
filed May 1, 2002 which is a continuation of Serial No.
09/593,409 now U.S. Patent No. 6,495,734, filed June 14,
2000 which claims benefit of application Serial No.

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60/139,163, filed June 14, 1999 . Each of these prior applications is hereby incorporated herein by reference, in its entirety.

6. [X] The prior application is assigned to: BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES INC.
7. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is also enclosed.
8. [X] Drawings are filed herewith
9. [] Applicant claims small entity status
10. The Assignment
 - [X] was recorded at Reel 011080 Frame 0287 on September 18, 2000
 - [] is enclosed.

Date: June 24, 2003

Respectfully submitted,



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